

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-10, 12, 14-18, and 20-26 stand rejected. Claims 2, 3, 11, 13, 19, and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable: if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base Claim. Claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, and 20-26 remain pending in this patent application. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the patent application by the current amendments. The attached pages are captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 4-6, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kikinis (US 5,841,424) in view of Batio (US 5, 949,643). Additionally, Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kikinis (US 5,841,424) in view of Batio (US 5, 949,643), further in view of Madsen et al. (US 6,181,284 B1). Claims 2 and 3 were cited as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant has herein amended independent Claim 1 to include the subject matter of Claim 2. As a result, amended independent Claim 1 is now allowable over the cited prior art and thus overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a). Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 3-9 now depend from allowable independent Claim 1. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 3-9 are now allowable over the cited prior art and thus overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a). Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 10, 12, 14, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the Kikinis reference in view of the Batio reference. Additionally, Claims 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the Kikinis reference in view of the Batio reference further in view of the Madsen et al. reference. Claims 11 and 13 were cited as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant has herein amended independent Claim 10 to include the subject matter of Claim 11. As a result, amended independent Claim 10 is now allowable over the cited prior art and thus overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a). Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 12-17 now depend from allowable independent Claim 10. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 10 and 12-17 are now allowable over the cited prior art and thus overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a). Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 11 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 18 and 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the Kikinis reference in view of Batio reference. Additionally, Claims 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the Kikinis reference in view of the Batio reference further in view of the Madsen et al. reference. Claims 19 and 20 were cited as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant has herein amended independent Claim 18 to include the subject matter of Claim 19. As a result, amended independent Claim 18 is now allowable over the cited prior art and thus overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §

103 (a). Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 20-26 now depend from allowable independent Claim 18. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 18 and 20-26 are now allowable over the cited prior art and thus overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a). Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

## CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of rejected Claims 1, 4-10, 13-18, and 21-26.

Based on the arguments and amendments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts that newly amended independent Claims 1, 10, and 18 are allowable, and that all remaining dependent claims (i.e., Claims 3-9, 12-17 and 20-26) depend from allowable base claims. As such, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of all remaining claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 2, 11, and 19 were canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 10, and 18 were amended as shown below:

1. (Once Amended) A keyboard sled adapted to communicatively interact with a portable computer system, said keyboard sled comprising:

a receiving portion adapted to receive said portable computer system, said receiving portion configured to receive said portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation;

an interface connector disposed within said receiving portion and adapted to provide a communicative link with said portable computer system when said portable computer system has been inserted in said receiving portion;

a mounting mechanism disposed within said receiving portion, said mounting mechanism for providing positive retention on said portable computer system;

a keyboard portion coupled with said interface connector and for providing input keys; and

a data storage access slot adapted to provide access to a data storage device receptacle of said portable computer system.

10. (Once Amended) A gaming sled adapted to communicatively interact with a portable computer system, said gaming sled comprising:

a receiving portion adapted to receive said portable computer system, said receiving portion configured to receive said portable computer system in a landscape(horizontal) orientation;

an interface connector disposed within said receiving portion and adapted to provide a communicative link with said portable computer system when said portable computer system is inserted in said receiving portion;

a mounting mechanism disposed within said receiving portion, said mounting mechanism for securing said portable computer system when coupled with said gaming sled;

a gaming controls portion coupled to said interface connector and for providing game control input; and

a data storage access slot adapted to provide access to a data storage device receptacle of said portable computer system.

18. (Once amended) A system comprising:

a) a portable computer system having a display orientation controller; and

b) a sled comprising:

a receiving portion adapted to receive said portable computer system, said receiving portion configured to receive said portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation;

an interface connector disposed within said receiving portion and adapted to provide a communicative link between said sled and said portable computer system, when said portable computer system is coupled with said sled;

a mounting mechanism disposed within said receiving portion, said mounting mechanism for securing said portable computer system;

a keyboard portion coupled to said interface connector and for providing input keys; and

a data storage access slot adapted to provide access to a data storage device receptacle of said portable computer system.